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CHICAGO MAN RECEIVES 14-YEAR SENTENCE FOR DEALING CRACK COCAINE

Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Antoine T. Deal, a/k/a "Blue," age 32, was sentenced on April 18, 2007, by U.S. District Judge John C. Shabaz to 168 months (14 years) in prison without parole for distribution of cocaine base.

Judge Shabaz based the sentence upon the fact that firearms were found in the apartment where the drugs were distributed and Deal's significant criminal history involving drug and firearm offenses.

United States Attorney Peterson stated the charges followed an investigation conducted by the Dane County Narcotics and Gang Task Force, together with the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Timothy M. O'Shea .

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